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SUBJECT: FURTHER DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS FLOATED

1. A LEADING POLISH THEORIST ON DISARMAMENT, WOJCIECH
MULTAN, WRITING IN THE APRIL 5 ISSUE OF TRYBUNA LUDU,
HAS ADVANCED BROAD SUGGESTIONS FOR "CONCRETE UNDERTAK-
INGS" TO FOSTER AN "APPROPRIATE CLIMATE" FOR FURTHER
STEPS TOWARD DISARMAMENT IN EUROPE. ARGUING THAT FULL
CSCE IMPLEMENTATION SHOULD PROVIDE A NEW IMPULSE TOWARD
THIS GOAL, MULTAN SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING MOVES BY "MEM-
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BERS" OF THE WARSAW PACT AND NATO: A) ADOPTION OF OBLI-

GATIONS CONCERNING A BAN ON THE USE OF FORCE AND OF AN UNDERSTANDING ON WAYS OF AVOIDING OUTBREAKS OF CONFLICT; AND, B) EMBODIMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF MUTUAL POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS.

2. WRITING EARLIER IN THE MARCH ISSUE OF SPRAWY MIEDZYNARODOWE, MULTAN HAD ASSESSED THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE MBFR TALKS. HE CRITICIZED NATO GENERALLY FOR AN ALLEGED CONCENTRATION ON ARMS CONTROL AS OPPOSED TO ARMS REDUCTION, ALTHOUGH HE CREDITED THE LATEST NATO PROPOSAL AS A POSITIVE SIGN. DECLARING THE ESSENCE OF "MILITARY DETENTE" TO BE ARRESTING THE ARMS RACE AND MOVING TOWARD GRADUAL, CONSISTENT, AND SYSTEMATIC REDUCTIONS, MULTAN ALSO CRITICIZED CBM'S AS OF INADEQUATE AND POSSIBLY EVEN NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCE, ARGUING THAT SUCH MEASURES TEND TO PRODUCE FALSE SECURITY.

3. COMMENT: JULTAN, A SCIENTIFIC SECRETARY AT THE POLISH INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, IS WIDELY REGARDED AS ONE OF POLAND'S FOREMOST THEORISTS ON ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT. HIS TRYBUNA LUDU SUGGESTIONS ARE PROBABLY MEANT AS FURTHER PROPOSALS DESIGNED TO AUGMENT AGREED CSCE PRINCIPLES. THE WORDING OF MULTAN'S CALL FOR UNDERTAKINGS BY "MEMBERS" OF THE TWO MILITARY ALLIANCES IMPLIES THAT HE HAS BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS IN MIND. MULTAN'S PROPOSALS MAY BE ONLY FOR PROPAGANDA EFFECT, BUT THERE IS ALSO THE POSSIBILITY THAT HIS PROPOSAL FOR POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS REPRESENTS A TRIAL BALLOON THAT THE POLES ARE RAISING ON BEHALF OF THEIR ALLIES. DAVIES

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